## **EDITOR'S PREFACE**

In this issue of *The Journal of Law and Religion*, we are publishing a symposium of lectures and panel discussions which were originally given at Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America in 1985.

While JLR has on occasion included a symposium conference of articles, this is the first time we have turned an entire issue over to the proceedings of a single conference. The topic of this symposium, *The Religious Foundations of Civil Rights Law*, and the insightfulness of the addresses and panel discussions, however, invited such a venture. Since the symposium is introduced by Professor Robert Destro, who with Professor William Wagner organized and led the conference, we shall not review the articles' themes at this point. We do want to point out the fact that the issue is dedicated to Professor Robert Cover of Yale University School of Law who was one of the participants in the symposium and whose address, "Obligation: A Jewish Jurisprudence of the Social Order," is a part of this issue. We join others in mourning the death of this creative and compassionate scholar and teacher who explored so richly the vital relationship between law and religion.

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